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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Two deaths from plague.

MANILA, P. I., *October 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the occurrence of 2 cases of plague (Filipinos) in Manila for the week ended October 19, 1901—both resulted fatally. The city still remains free from smallpox.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *November 18, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the regular quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended November 16, 1901, and the report of mortality for the city for the month of October, 1901.

During the week 3 vessels were inspected and passed and 1 was held in quarantine transacting business under guard, viz, the German steamship *Croatia* from Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Sanchez. Three bills of health were issued.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of October, 1901.

Diseases of—		Diphtheria	1
Digestive system	27	Wound	1
Respiratory system	11	Asthenia senile	5
Circulatory system	7	Puerperal fever	1
Nervous system	14	Metritis	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition	26	La grippe	2
Malaria	6	Alcoholism	1
Nephritis	2	Gastric fever	2
Tuberculosis	7		
Cancer	2	Total	116

Number of deaths reported during October, 1901 (*a*)	116
Number of deaths reported during October, 1900 (*a*)	370
Number of births reported during October, 1901 (*a*)	153
Number of births reported during October, 1900 (*a*)	140

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

RUSSIA.

Concerning cases of plague reported at Batoum and Samsoun.

ODESSA, RUSSIA, *November 8, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to herewith transmit a translation of an official announcement, published in official organ of the governor of Odessa on November 6, 1901, relating to the plague at Batoum. I have no further